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Via First Class Mail

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Re: United States Patent Application
Entitled: APPARATUS FOR MANUFACTURING FILTER
CARTRIDGES AND METHOD OF USING SAME
Serial No.: 10/037,608
Filed: November 7, 2001
Attorney Docket: H0001612-2

Sir:

We enclose herewith:

- ☒ Amendment Transmittal Letter
- ☒ Amendment
- ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (37 CFR 1.97(d))
- ☒ Statement under 37 CFR 1.97(e)
- ☒ PTO-1449 citing 1 reference
- ☒ 1 Copy of cited reference
- ☒ Acknowledgment Postcard

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 06-1130.

Applicant hereby petitions under 37 CFR 1.136 and other applicable rules to have the response period extended the number of months necessary to render the attached communication timely in the event a petition is required.

Respectfully submitted,

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